

another, each of the shafts having an internal bore and an external surface including a side portion, and performing shaft opening operation across the row of shafts to create at least one aperture in the external surface of the side portion of each shaft at a sufficient depth to establish communication with the bore of each shaft.

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[Please replace Claim 17, with the following new Claim 17:]

17. (Amended) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the machining operation comprises running a grinder across the row of shafts to grind a line of the apertures across the external surfaces of the shafts.

[Please add the following new Claim 25:]

25. The method of Claim 16 wherein the shaft opening operation comprises a machining operation.

REMARKS

Claims 16 - 18 and 25 now appear in this application, with Claims 16 and 17 having been amended and Claim 25 having been added to more adequately cover applicants' invention.

It should be noted that this application when filed was entitled "METHOD OF MAKING NEEDLE FOR SUBCUTANEOUS DELIVERY OF FLUIDS." The initial Filing Receipt and the Updated Filing Receipt indicates that the title is "Needle for Subcutaneous Delivery of Fluids" (the title of the parent application) and not the title for the application as filed. The present amendment to the title is to the title of the application as filed and not as stated in the Filing Receipts.

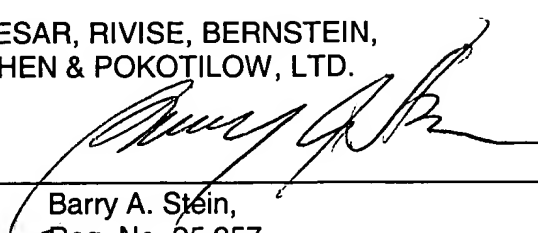
It is believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct the title as follows:

“METHOD OF MAKING NEEDLE FOR [SUBCUTANEOUS] DELIVERY OF FLUIDS.”

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a plurality of needles for delivery [needles] of a flowable material, comprising the steps of arranging a plurality of tubular shafts [having internal bores] in a row in parallel with one another, each of the shafts having an internal bore and an external surface including a side portion, and performing [a machining] shaft opening operation across the row of shafts to create at least one aperture in the external surface of the side portion of each shaft at a sufficient depth to establish communication with the bore of each shaft.

Please rewrite Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method according to Claim [16] 25, wherein the machining operation [includes] comprises running a grinder across the row of shafts to grind a line of the apertures [grooves] across the external surfaces of the shafts[, the grooves being sufficiently deep to provide communication between the external surfaces and the internal bores of the shafts].

Please add the following new Claim 25:

25. The method of Claim 16 wherein the shaft opening operation comprises a machining operation.